

A. Objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) stating that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

B. Rejected claims 1-8, 10, 11, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, and objected to claim 1 because of informalities under 35 U.S.C. §112.

C. Rejected claims 1-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lieszkovszky, U.S. Patent No. 6,168,293 ("Lieszkovszky '293"). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lieszkovszky '293 as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Daumueller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,975,723 ("Daumueller '723").

In the October 10, 2001 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the previously filed amendment dated August 9, 2001 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the previous rejections that were made using references Lieszkovszky and Daumueller.

In a telephone conversation with Examiner on February 4, 2002, Applicant proposed filing a Rule 1.131 Declaration to operate to swear behind Liezkovsky '293. The Examiner stated that such a Rule 1.131 Declaration could be included as a Submission for a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Applicant now includes this Rule 1.131 Declaration along with the necessary RCE.

Drawing Objections

Applicants have amended FIG. 4 by adding reference number 170 to more clearly identify the housing. As such, Applicants have overcome the Examiner's objection.

Applicants have also amended the specification to include reference to the housing 170. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections and Objections – 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 10, 11, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 was rejected to as being incomplete since it was unclear to the Examiner where Applicant's reflector portion is positioned about a tubular light source or a semi-circular reflector portion (Office Action, p. 2)

Claims 1 and 14 are also objected to due to an alleged unclear structural relationship. According to the Examiner, the wording "downwardly" was not clear.

In response, Applicants have amended the pending claims to more particularly claim certain novel aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants have removed the alleged indefiniteness associated with the positioning of the reflector portion in claims 1, and 7. Applicants have also removed the alleged indefiniteness associated with the direction of light emanating from the light source in claims 1 and 7. Applicants have also amended claim 14 to correct a minor inconsistency. As such, Applicants submit that the presently pending claims overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections and objections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103

Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lieszkovszky '293. Examiner has also rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lieszkovszky '293 as applied to claim 7 above, and

further in view of Daumueller '723.

Although Applicant still maintains that Lieszkovsky '293 fails to teach applicants claimed invention of a tubular light source reflector, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has included a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 along with supporting exhibits. The Declaration operates to swear behind Lieszkovszky '293. More specifically, the Declaration states that the claimed invention was reduced to practice in the United States prior to August 9, 1999 (*i.e.*, the 102(e) date of Lieszkovszky '293). Accordingly, the rejection of pending claims 1-8, 10-11, 14-15, and 17-20 based upon the Lieszkovszky '293 reference should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

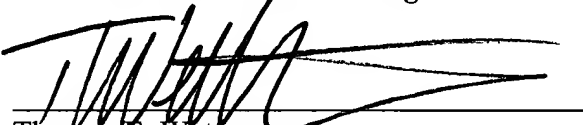
In conclusion, it is submitted that Applicants have overcome each of the Examiner's objections and rejections. It is submitted, therefore, that the present patent application, including pending claims 1-8, 10-11, 14-15, and 17-20 is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason, the application is not considered to be in condition for allowance on the next Office Action and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-0001.

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